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IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1-10. (Canceled without prejudice)
- 11. (Currently Amended) A method for treating psoriasis in a patient in need thereof comprising the step of administering a topical formulation,

wherein said formulation comprises epidermal growth factor as the <u>sole</u> active agent, and wherein the patient is a human being.

- 12. (Maintained) The method according to claim 11, wherein the topical formulation contains EGF in a concentration of 0.01 to 50 micrograms/gram formulation.
- 13. (Maintained) The method according to claim 11, wherein the topical formulation contains EGF in a concentration of 0.5 to 20 micrograms EGF/gram formulation.
- 14. (Canceled without prejudice) The method according to claim 11, wherein the formulation further comprises an anti-inflammatory product.
- 15. (Currently Amended) The A method according to claim 11 for treating psoriasis in a patient in need thereof comprising the step of administering a topical formulation, wherein the formulation is a topical cream containing 0.1 to 3% (w/w) of sulfadiazine and 0.5 to 20 micrograms EGF/gram formulation.
- 16. (Maintained) The method according to claim 15, wherein the formulation comprises 10 µg EGF and 1% (w/w) sulfadiazine.
 - 17. (Canceled without prejudice)
 - 18. (New) A method for treating psoriasis in a patient in need thereof

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comprising the step of administering a topical formulation,

wherein said formulation comprises epidermal growth factor agent and an anti-inflammatory, and wherein the patient is a human being.

19. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the formulation comprises 5 μg EGF.